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Applicant : Arne H. Deggerdal et al.  
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PETITION FOR THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

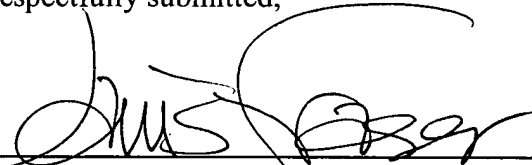
Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136, applicant hereby petitions that the period for response to the action dated July 16, 2003, be extended for three months to and including January 16, 2004.

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Respectfully submitted,

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